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Sofia Sizzi,	Opposer,)) Opposition No. 91212809
v. Fiat Group Automobiles S.p.A.,)) Serial No.: 85/678,731) Mark: GIULIETTA
	Applicant.)))

MOTION TO SUSPEND OPPOSITION PROCEEDING FOR SETTLEMENT

Respondent/Applicant, Fiat Group Automobiles S.p.A. ("Applicant") hereby requests that the deadlines set by the Board in this proceeding be extended for a period of sixty (60) days.

It is respectfully submitted that "good cause" exists for the instant request, as the parties have diligently pursued settlement of this matter, have exchanged terms sheets, and have discussed the few outstanding issues that that will enable them to preserve judicial resources. It is anticipated (but of course not guaranteed) that the parties will be able to use the extension period to resolve what appear to be two (2) remaining issues between them. Opposer, Sofia Sizzi ("Opposer"), by and through her attorneys, consents to the instant request, in an effort to resolve the remaining issues.

The parties assert that GOOD CAUSE exists for the granting of this extension, and provide this detailed progress report. Since filing the last extension request on December 30, 2015, counsel for Applicant has sought detailed instructions from Applicant's counsel in Italy about the few remaining issues that stand in the way of settlement. Also, counsel for Opposer

has been in consultation with Opposer on the same issues. Additional time is needed for the parties work on, and hopefully conclude these negotiations.

Again, while an agreement would be predicated on the acceptance of ALL terms the parties are discussing, the only issues that appears to be outstanding continue to be (a) the mechanism by which the parties might avoid or minimize future issues that may arise from an agreement that might be reached; and (b) relating to this point, finalizing the channels of trade issues that remain outstanding – i.e. issues that might arise from third party (licensee and distributor) use.

Accordingly, the parties respectfully request the below schedule, reflecting a 60-day suspension (which, given that a large foreign entity would need to agree to and sign-off on any agreement that might be reached, is a realistic deadline):

Discovery Closes	4/1/2016
Plaintiffs' Pretrial Disclosures	5/16/2016
Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends	6/30/2016
Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures	7/15/2016
Defendants' 30-day Trial Period Ends	8/29/2016
Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures	9/13/2016
Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends	10/13/2016

Prompt approval is earnestly solicited and it is respectfully submitted that good cause for the instant request exist.

Respectfully submitted,

Fiat Group Automobiles S.p.A,

By its attorneys,

Date: <u>02/01/2016</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **MOTION TO SUSPEND OPPOSITION PROCEEDING FOR SETTLEMENT** was served, via first-class mail, postage prepaid this 1st day of February 2016.

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